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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 116
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A RESOLUTION to commend and recognize the administration and staff of the Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center for being named one of the top 100 Intensive Care Units in the Nation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to recognize and honor those exemplary institutions that have distinguished themselves as leaders in their field; and

WHEREAS, the Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center is one such notable institution, which has recently been honored as one of the top 100 intensive care units in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the intensive care unit study was conducted by the Solucient Leadership Institute, formerly HCIA-Sachs; 100 Top Hospitals: ICU Benchmarks for Success –2000 is the first-ever comparative look at intensive care unit performance across the nation's hospitals; and

WHEREAS, based on Medicare data, the study rated intensive care units at 1,200 hospitals on four measures: death rates, complications, length of patient stays in the units, and cost of care; and

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WHEREAS, 100 Top Hospitals: ICU Benchmarks for Success –2000 recognized those hospitals that provide high-quality care, operate efficiently, and produce superior financial results; and

WHEREAS, the Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center is one of only two teaching hospitals in Tennessee, and one of just four Tennessee hospitals overall to make the list of top 100 intensive care units; it was also the only hospital in Northeast Tennessee or Southwest Virginia to be included in the ranking; and

WHEREAS, Wellmont Bristol Regional has been a community healthcare provider for nearly eight decades; continuing to grow with the needs of the community, six years ago the center added a state-of-the-art campus; and

WHEREAS, within the 348 bed hospital exists eight “excellence centers”: acute care, cancer care, cardiac care, neuroscience, occupational health, outpatient services, rehabilitation services, and women’s health, each offering a vast spectrum of cutting-edge medical services and technologies; and

WHEREAS, Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center also offers a Level II Trauma Center, psychiatric care services, and a pediatrics unit, while the Select Specialty Hospital, a hospital within a hospital, provides specialized care for patients who require a longer acute stay; and

WHEREAS, both the Wellmont Hospice House and the McGlothlin-Street Hospitality House are located on the hospital campus; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable institution is a member of the Children’s Miracle Network; and

WHEREAS, Wellmont Bristol Regional is part of the Wellmont Health System, which is fortunate to have the astute leadership of Eddie A. George, who serves as President and CEO; and

WHEREAS, Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center's President, Bart Hove, has said, "The Solucient study confirms what the people of Bristol have already known –our ICU physicians and employees deliver an unsurpassed level of patient care"; and

WHEREAS, Wellmont Bristol Regional has a medical staff of more than 170 board-certified and board-eligible physicians who work in partnership with over 1,300 employees to deliver the highest level of patient care; and

WHEREAS, the accomplished staff of the intensive care unit of Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center efficiently, conscientiously, and compassionately performs daily the difficult task of caring for the critically ill; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is fortunate to have such an outstanding resource like the Regional Medical Center, with its outstanding excellence centers, educational programs, and distinguished intensive care unit it is a source of great pride for this State; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is privileged to recognize the Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center for its contributions to the well-being of the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend the administrators and staff of Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical center on its outstanding quality of care, and recognize them for being named one of the top 100 Intensive Care Units in the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.